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Life is Just Peachy!



This vendor is busy bagging freshly made peach pies for customers that braved the heat for this weekend's Peach Festival.

Story by Chris Pedigo and Seti Long, photos by Chris Pedigo

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - With the heat of summer upon us and the warm weather sweetening the peach crops of the Yuba and Sutter counties, it is once again time for the 24th annual Marysville Peach Festival.

The peach festival, started by the local Sodaro family, has brought food,

festivities, fun and, of course, fruit, to the humid July evenings of Marysville for more than two decades. The tradition continued July 19th.

Beginning Friday, residents could work their way down Marysville's D street, being greeted by friendly vendors peddling a huge variety of goods from food to fashion, while strolling street performers engaged little ones.

The 2024 Peach Festival's event

lineup definitely elicited smiles as it was full of music and entertainment for all ages, and there was plenty of peach-inspired cuisine to enjoy.

There were two stages set up at each end of the festival, where bands Skynyrd Nation — a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd — performed and Daffney Payne's edgy rock-inspired tunes would have festival goers up

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Summer Stroll Memories Made



Here's an aerial shot of Plumas Street on June 15, when more than 15,000 attendees came out for the Summer Stroll 2024 event, which brought in almost \$15,000 in profit this year. Photo courtesy of Yuba Downtown Business Association

By Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Summer Stroll goes on long after the annual afternoon of entertainment, activities and shopping.

Yuba City Downtown Business Association Board Directors Sandee Drown and Teresa Schmidt presented Mayor Shon Harris and the City Council members with the success of the Summer Stroll 2024 on June 15, which shut down Yuba-Sutter Transit Routes 1 and 2 for the afternoon.

"This year, for the 2024 Summer Stroll, we profited \$14,875, which is a big mark for us," said Drown,

a past association president. "This money goes back into our events and marketing."

According to Drown, any money made from the strolls goes back into downtown improvements.

"Hopefully, you guys are enjoying that, and we are able to bring out some other events as well," Drown said. "And it gives us additional marketing for our businesses downtown."

Drown shared a video of the Summer Stroll highlighting the day. Aerial views of Plumas Street and close caption shots of children captured the entertaining afternoon. Decorated booths and tents lined the

street where patrons walked, rode bikes, and skated through.

Along Plumas Street, a Kids' Zone offered an afternoon of fun. Schmidt took a moment to mention the adolescent area, a marked-off section of North Plumas Street and Colusa Avenue.

"This year, the weather was in our favor that day," Schmidt said of the area that offered free ukulele lessons. "We had a few people stop by and say they saw the attractions on the side of the road and stopped and came by."

Kettle corn, cotton candy, and jam

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Top Floor of Hotel Marysville at Risk of Falling

City of Marysville News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Only the top floor of the five-story Hotel Marysville presents a significant fall hazard and traffic could safely be restored to the two southbound lanes of Highway 70 if a 10-foot-high debris catch-barrier is erected, according to an engineering report received Tuesday by the City of Marysville.

After the Emeryville engineering firm WJE report was delivered three days earlier than expected, City Manager Jim Schaad emailed acting District 3 Caltrans Director Sergio Aceves recommending Caltrans install the barrier and convert the southbound lanes to two-way traffic "as a cost-effective, near-term solution."

"The city wishes to allow its surface streets affected by Caltrans...detours to resume normal traffic flows to the businesses within the community as well as provide better access for the businesses on E Street," Schaad said in an email Wednesday morning.

As the city awaits Caltrans' consideration of the recommendation, it now has a clearer picture of the stability of the hulking structure that was in poor shape even before the fire, according to the engineering report. "The conditions observed at the Hotel Marysville are a mix of damage due to the fire and firefighting activities and pre-existing deterioration of the building due to decades of vacancy and lack of maintenance, the report states. "The amount of heat experienced throughout the building varied significantly based on the condition of the finishes, which are completely burned in some areas and mostly intact in other areas.

The report concludes, "The Hotel Marysville building was in poor condition prior to a fire on June 15, 2024. The fire destroyed the roof diaphragm and removed the lateral bracing for the top-story exterior

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**Story and photo by
Shamaya Sutton**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Music has been swirling around Mikey Pennington since birth. His mother favored hip-hop and rock, his grandfather fancied Aerosmith, country and Shania Twain, while his grandmother opted for R&B.

“Even to this day I still love every kind of music. There’s no such thing as bad music good music is just good music,” said Pennington during his first on-air interview with 93Q, a local community radio station.

Pennington started penning his first songs in fourth grade, expecting to become a rapper until a ukulele found its way into his hands.

“I started a band with my friend, Jess, and he played guitar so I would just sing to whatever he wrote or we would do covers,” said Pennington. “And then I remember I stayed the night at his house one time and he had a ukulele so I just learned how to play it in one night and then by the time he woke up I knew like five different songs that I could play. After that, his grandma got me my own ukulele.”

By high school, Pennington became known as “the guy with a guitar”, singing and playing wherever he could. In pursuing his passion, this Lindhurst graduate soon found himself in a whirlwind of adventure. From playing on the piers of San Francisco to living



Mikey Pennington plays one of his original songs, “Irreplaceable,” live on-air at 93Q radio station in Marysville.

in a van in the “safety” of a Party City parking lot in Los Angeles, Pennington has more than a few stories to share.

His time in Los Angeles led to his first EP recording and the start of a major weight-loss journey. The young musician ultimately shed more than 100 pounds, transforming his physical appearance but not his passion for music.

“I used to weigh about 363 pounds at my highest weight,” explained Pennington. “I got really into fitness and music kind of took a backseat for a while...Now I’m starting to come back out.”

Pennington’s re-emergence on the local music scene has been marked with frequent open mic appearances and a series of events, “Emo Nite 530.” These events can be caught at venues such as the Silver Dollar Saloon in Marysville and the 21 Club and Hooligan’s in Yuba City.

So what’s next for Pennington? He’s launching the Next Up Festival on Saturday (July 27) in Marysville, alongside his friend and event partner, David Terrases.

“Mikey and I go way back and have been best friends since the third and fourth grade,” said

Terrases. “We love all genres of music and have traded different styles and sounds of music we heard on our own over the years. That’s one thing we never stopped loving. I picked up my knowledge of being a deejay from my uncle, Valente Paiz, in San Jose and was wanting to do something more later in life. So, we started off small together with a few awesome Emo Nite shows in a few local venues, up to the point to where we are now - the Next-Up Music Festival for all ages!”

The Next Up Music Festival is a multi-genre event set to feature

Council Could Consider Increasing Illegal Fireworks Fines

Story by Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak City Council members at their July 17 meeting considered the assessment of liens against delinquent homeowners’ properties to collect overdue costs for refuse collection services by Recology Yuba-Sutter.

Notifications were sent to renters and/or owners of the properties with delinquent accounts and account holders were also informed of this public hearing, so they had an opportunity to either dispute the charges or pay them before the liens are assessed.

By the meeting date, 191 units were still delinquent, with a total of \$46,977.35 for collection.

During Public Comment on this item, a resident said it was unfair to put a lien on rental properties, because it was the renters and not the owners who accrued the overdue charges. He said the renter should be sent to collections, rather than going after the property owners.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the lien assessments for unpaid refuse collection.

Council also considered the assessment of liens against property owners with overdue utility charges, unpaid fire protection fees or charges owed to the city.

For this item, the delinquent accounts were also notified of the charges and the public hearing.

By the meeting’s date, four properties had outstanding charges for a total overdue amount of \$1,855.54.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the lien assessments for unpaid utility charges.

Interim City Manager Mark Scott provided a report on the recent enforcement against illegal fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday. Officers from the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office patrolled in Live Oak and responded to many calls for service, issuing a dozen citations and making one arrest.

Fireworks are a significant cause for fires, so weed-abatement efforts were implemented in the city to mitigate that danger, and the Sutter County Fire Department reported no fires within city limits on July 4th.

“Things actually went quite well here,” said Scott. “There was a great effort and a great outcome.” But Scott also recommended that the Council consider updating their policy to increase the fines against homeowners for each offense of illegal fireworks at their property.

Councilmember Bob Woten said it was “a terrific report of a job well done.”

Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana said, “Law enforcement did a great job. I feel like we’re making progress.” But she said there is still a massive number of illegal fireworks set off in the city: “It’s still way out of control.”

Mayor Ashley Hernandez agreed that City Council should consider updating the fines. While residents have the right to celebrate with fireworks, Hernandez said, they need to do so responsibly.

Interim City Manager Scott asked for City Council to begin considering a policy to guide the pursuit of code enforcement problem cases within the city. He said residents often report neglected or abandoned homes, which are a cause of blight, safety issues and decreased property values. The city’s Code Enforcement issues warnings, citations and abatement orders to the owners of neglected properties, but if those are ignored, the city’s only recourse is to take the issue through the court system. However, that is a time-consuming and expensive process, and if the city succeeded in court, they might end up with ownership of the property in question and thus the financial responsibility of demolishing the home. Scott asked the council to examine the issue and find a way to determine which cases should be escalated to the courts.

“This is a complicated issue,” said Scott. “There’s the issue of how do you set council policy? How do you make sure it’s a fair and equitable policy? What kind of money do we want to budget for this kind of work? And then what do we do with it when we get there?”

Scott said it was important to find “approaches that actually look at identifying not only the problem but the solution.”

Vice-Mayor Santana said, “I think we need to get more aggressive. We need to take care of our city.”

Santana suggested prioritizing the ones that have been a problem for many years since they cause an ongoing safety issue for surrounding homes. Santana also mentioned that the city owns approximately 55 properties, so perhaps some of those could be sold to help cover the legal costs and then, if approved by the courts, the cost to demolish these abandoned homes.

Hernandez said, “It’s going to be a multilevel approach.” She said it would be important to discover the value of the properties in question, since they might have other liens against the property already, in which case the City might not be able to recover the invested costs if they pursue a court case. Hernandez suggested looking for programs or grants to

a diverse group of bands from throughout Northern California and the greater Central Valley. Among them will be Pennington’s band, Common Grounds, an alternative-indie band with original music.

“We wanted to have a music festival that was all original artists, so every single person on our festival is an original artist and they’re all going to be performing their own music,” said Pennington.

“We even had a band reach out to us from New York that was going on tour and wanted to be a part of this,” added Terrases. “It’s just awesome that a band far away is making a stop in Marysville to be noticed just like the other artists coming out that day to make a debut in a new location.”

The Next Up Music Festival will run from 1 to 10 p.m. on D Street, sandwiched between 3rd and 4th streets in historic Marysville. Sixteen bands will perform on two stages, one on the street and the other inside Skip’s Marysville Music Cafe. Guests can expect merchandise, games, and vendors scattered across the block and a beer garden hosted by Silver Dollar Saloon. Tickets are \$20 online or \$25 at the door. It’s \$5 for anyone under 18 at the door.

“No need to purchase them a ticket in advance,” added Pennington.

For more information, visit nextupmusicfestival.ticketspice.com or look for “Next-Up 530” or “Mickey Pennington” on social media. ★

Supervisors Register New Landmark Commemorating Hispanic Miners

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission News Release

NEVADA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission is delighted to announce that on July 9, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors designated the remains of an arrastra located in the Tahoe National Forest as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 24-04. Because of concerns about vandalism, the precise location is not public.

The arrastra (from the Spanish arrastrar-to drag) is a device for crushing ore, used in California gold mines before the advent of stamp mills and then as a cheaper and often more practical alternative. In the 1880s, there were a reported 100 arrastras in use in California. This arrastra is said to

be the only example of original Mexican or Chilean mining technology still in Nevada County and it remains on the site where it was originally used.

Many 49ers had no knowledge about or experience in mining for gold. That lack was filled initially in part by miners from Mexico, Peru and Chile, which had gold and silver mines; hence the reliance on gold mining technology such as the Mexican arrastra and the Chile mill. Nonetheless, contemporary newspapers generally ignored the Hispanic miners and they are largely omitted from the principal contemporary histories of Nevada County. Many of them left Nevada County because they experienced discrimination and violence and because of the Foreign Miners Tax. Until now, there were no historical landmarks that reflect the presence



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of Hispanic miners in Nevada County or their contributions to the county’s development.

This landmark will be featured in the next edition of the

Commission’s book, “Exploring Nevada County,” a guide to all the county’s historical landmarks. The book is available in electronic format for any smartphone

or tablet from Apple or Amazon. Go to You Bet Press to find clickable links. The paperback edition is available from Comstock Bonanza Press. ★

Life's a Peach! Summer Stroll Memories Made



A hilarious, yet somehow serious, tradition of the Peach Festival is the pie eating contest. This year's contestants get ready for some serious competition.

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and dancing in the streets under café-style lighting.
The highlight of this year's Peach Festival was, of course, the intense pie-eating contest. Participants stood on either side of a long table, staring down at intimidating peach pies. Extremely high temperatures and extra-sweet peach pie made speedily downing the pastries difficult, but a winner would emerge victorious Friday afternoon.
Later that evening, the Mayor of Marysville, Chris Branscum, would award the prestigious John Sodaro Onore Award to Loran and Helen Perkins of Marysville. This is the third year the Onore Award has been given, and the honor went to the Perkins' for their contributions to the community over the years.

Congressman Doug La Malfa said a few words before the recipients of the Didar Bains Award was announced. This honor recognizes a community member that has demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision.
Karm Bains, son of "Peach King" Didar Bains, presented the award to John Kenyon and Laura Rosellini who voluntarily took on the task of cleaning up Ellis Lake for the community.
Other key events in the Peach Festival lineup were that of the Peach Royalty Competition, brought to the festival by the Heartshine Foundation. A heartwarming program featuring talented youth and adults; the pageant was a bright spot in the lineup as a new court was crowned.
The Peach Festival Pub Crawls, 140 exhibitors, treats from peach chili dogs to peach ceviche, Peach Festival 5K/10K and kids zone brought tons of peachy-fun for everyone to enjoy at the 24th Annual Peach Festival. ★



Covered in peach syrup and crumbs, this man celebrates his pie eating prowess as the 2024 Peach Festival Pie Eating Champion!



Sweet Baby Miss Heartshine California smiles as she speaks to the crowd during the Peach Royalty Competition brought to the festival by the Heartshine Foundation.



This contestant squeals in surprise as she is announced as Peach Royalty!



Downtown businesses set up shop on Plumas Street on June 15 to give patrons a taste of what is good in Yuba City. Photo courtesy of Yuba Downtown Business Association

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were on hand for kids, while frozen margaritas, beer, and spicier food satiated adults as they watched the children have fun.
"Not only did we have an 18-foot dry slide; we had a 40-foot obstacle course and a 25-foot coconut climbing wall to challenge those who dared to take it on," Schmidt said of the Hawaiian-themed event. "Vendors even took part in decorating their booths to get in the spirit... everyone left wearing leis."
According to Schmidt, the Science Wizard, "who kept the kids screaming," also offered some education on the side. Along with pony rides, Joe Moye showed up on the scene with his kid-friendly guitar tunes.
"Kids also waited to get their face painted," Schmidt said, adding it was the first year the association implemented wristbands for kids to enjoy the zone. "That turned out to be beneficial for all."
"So that was our 2024 Summer Stroll," Drown



This year, the annual seasonal event featured three bands: Pocket Full of Whiskey, Butter, and Mark 3. Photo courtesy of Yuba Downtown Business Association

said of the video, which will be used to market the event for next. "And it really is an opportunity to showcase our beautiful city."
Drown offered up the video to the city.
"It is something we do for our downtown to really grow and let people outside of our community and our community know about the great things we have for events," Drown said, adding the cornhole tournament was wildly successful. "We wound up bringing in 160 outside people to our event."
"Besides the 15,000 that showed up that day, we were able to attract tourists as well and we are super excited about that," Drown added.
She ended the presentation by thanking sponsors, city departments and "Yuba City for your sponsorship and all the things you do." ★

Progress Continues on Repairs to PG&E Powerhouse, South Yuba Pipe



Workers brave hot conditions to make repairs on the pipe. Photo courtesy of PG&E

PG&E News Release

NEVADA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - PG&E continues making progress on repairs so water flows can resume to water agencies. PG&E remains "on schedule to restore flows through the Spaulding 1 powerhouse by the end of July and to restore flows in the South Yuba Pipe by the end of August," according to staff.
Crews have completed the precision welding of the steel liner at the

powerhouse water discharge pipe and while waiting for grout to cure, are reassembling the pressure relief valve and auxiliary equipment. Concrete footings at the South Yuba Pipe bench are curing, and PG&E is preparing the pipe to be flown in and placed by helicopter later in July, and then weld and bolt the pipe into place.
Work at the powerhouse continues 24 hours every day and 12 hours every day for the South Yuba Pipe, which was damaged in a winter storm rockslide. ★

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Engineering Report Finds Only Top Floor of Hotel Marysville at Risk of Falling



Engineers inspect Hotel Marysville after the building burned in a fire on June 15, 2024. Photo courtesy City of Marysville

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walls, which are constructed of unreinforced brick masonry. These top-story walls are very slender and are now susceptible to falling out of-plane and onto the sidewalks and streets below. Apart from the lack of bracing at the top story, the structure does not appear to have been substantially destabilized by the fire damage.”

The report states that the top-story masonry walls must be stabilized prior to anyone entering the building to abate existing hazardous materials. It makes several recommendations regarding abatement work which the city will share with interested demolition contractors.

As for long-term stabilization of the Hotel Marysville, constructed in 1926, the engineering firm provided this assessment: The building is in generally

poor condition due to its age and a lack of maintenance in the decades it has been vacant. Now, due to the fire, the roof is destroyed, further exposing the floor framing to the elements. Even if the top-story walls are stabilized, the building will continue to deteriorate and may become unstable over time due to this deterioration. If the building is to remain, weather protection over the open roof and windows is necessary to slow the deterioration of the concrete structure.

In the longer term, the roof diaphragm should be replaced, and the concrete spalling throughout the building should be repaired in order to restore protection to the steel reinforcement and restore the structural integrity of the floor framing.

Feather River Plaza, LLC, is the recorded owner of the Hotel Marysville property.

The city has demanded the company abate the public safety issues identified since the fire and has filed suit in Yuba County Superior Court seeking a court order that gives the City authority to abate the public safety issues if the owner does not. The city continues to encourage Feather River Plaza, LLC. to address the structural and hazardous materials issues that exist on their property.

Feather River Plaza had previously offered the city the property as well as two properties across the street in their current condition, however based on the city’s research the market value of the properties collectively are less than the cost to abate the hotel structure. The city has proposed a counter to the owner’s counsel that would allow the city to fully recover costs to remove the building, but the owner has rejected that offer. ★

Yuba City’s Bushnell Graduates U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy News Release

KINGS POINT, NY (MPG) - Carson James Bushnell, son of Frank and Shawnie Bushnell, of Yuba City recently graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, NY. Bushnell earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the U. S. armed forces. He also earned a Merchant Marine officer license, qualifying him to serve as an officer on any ship in the U.S. flag merchant marine. Bushnell is a graduate of River Valley High School.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is one of five U.S. federal service academies. It educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers to serve the nation during peace and war. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their Congressman or Senator. Bushnell was nominated by Congressman John Garamendi.

All United States Merchant Marine Academy graduates incur an obligation to serve the United States. The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine – manned exclusively by American mariners – is essential for securing the country’s commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict. The majority of “Kings Pointers” serve for eight years as Navy reservists in the Strategic



Carson James Bushnell of Yuba City recently graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Sealift Officer Program while working aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in our nation’s armed forces. Bushnell will fulfill his commitment serving as an Engineering Officer in the US Merchant Marine and as a US Navy Strategic Sealift Officer.

By virtue of their elite training and real-world experience, graduates are ready to go on day one in service of American military strength and economic power. As part of his four-year education, Bushnell spent one year training as a cadet aboard ocean going vessels.

The Academy welcomed White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan as the commencement speaker. Mr. Sullivan told the graduates, “You have much to be proud of, and the path you have chosen is tremendously honorable. As soon-to-be ensigns and

second lieutenants, assistant engineers, and third mates, you will crew ships that are essential to our nation’s security. You’ll spend a large part of your life at sea so that your fellow Americans can live safely at home.”

This year marks the 50th anniversary of women entering the United States Merchant Marine Academy, making it the first federal service academy to admit women. In honor of this celebration, Rear Admiral Dianna Wolfson (United States Merchant Marine Academy class of ‘96) delivered the distinguished Alumna speech.

Dedicated during WWII, the United States Merchant Marine Academy has since served the nation in both peace and war. Learn more at www.WeAreTheUSMMA.com

For more information about the Academy, visit <https://www.usmma.edu/>. ★

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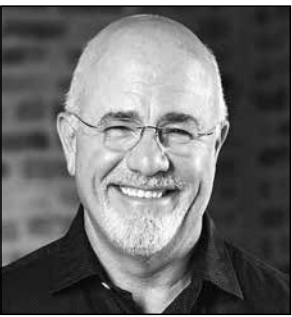
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Dave Ramsey Says You Haven't Done Anything Wrong

Dear Dave,

I'm 32 and debt-free, except for my house. My grandmother passed away a couple of months ago, and her will has caused problems for my family. I was her only relative living in the same town as she got older, so I looked in on her and helped take care of her, because she didn't want to go into a care facility. In her will, she left everything—her house and property, along with about \$300,000—to me. Some of my relatives said they deserve something. Two have even accused me of wanting everything she had and turning my grandmother against them. I don't like what's happening, but I'm not sure what to do. I never asked her for anything.

— Jeffrey

Dear Jeffrey

I hate it when things get ugly between family members, especially at a time when everyone should be pulling together and supporting each other. I'm sorry you're going through all this.

Let me ask you a question.

Did you love your grandmother? It sounds to me like you did. A lot! It takes a special person to step in and help the way you did. I think it's pretty obvious she loved you, too.

When a person dies, they can give their belongings to anyone they choose. It was your grandmother's stuff, so it was her decision. Period. She could've spread it around among you and the rest of your family, but she didn't do that. She had her reasons, and her final wishes were just that—her final wishes. No one in your family, even you, deserved anything from her.

I know this is a hard position for you to be in, Jeffrey. This has probably crossed your mind, so I'll go ahead and say it. Generally speaking, it's possible to transfer part of your inheritance to someone else even if it's not specified in the will or trust. Keep in mind, you might need to seek court approval for such a transfer, depending on the jurisdiction and specific family circumstances.

Or, you can let anyone who has a problem with your grandmother's decision contest the will. Of course, one possible outcome of that is you might have to spend the money she left fighting them

in court. The lady left what she left. There's no more. It was her house, her property and her money. The others aren't entitled to what she had just because they're relatives or they want it.

If you go to church, I'd advise you spend some time talking to your pastor about the situation. You've got a lot of folks mad at you right now, and I think you might benefit from a few kind words and an objective point of view. I'd also recommend sitting down with a good financial planner—someone with the heart of a teacher—and talk about to best handle your newfound inheritance. Regardless of your decision, it's always best to have a plan and be prepared.

In the meantime, don't beat yourself up over this, son. You haven't done anything wrong.

God bless you.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. ★



Yuba Feather Historical Assn. will be holding its spring general meeting on April 24. It will be at the museum in Forbestown with a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 pm. The YFHA board will provide baked potatoes, so bring a topping of some kind and/or a dessert. The guest speakers will be from our local Forest Service and Look-Out crews. Pike County Lookout was featured in the latest YFHA newsletter, Gold Mountain record, showing the progress from a platform built in a pine tree 80 feet above the ground in 1913 to a modern 13' x 13' cabin on a 20 foot tower constructed in 1983. Lots of interesting facts, so come on and join the group for dinner and listen to an interesting program provided by the Forest Service.

On May 4 from 11 – 3 in Marysville on D St. there will be a Happening. Focus on Marysville will feature tables of information at Skips Marysville Music Cafe at 321 D St. Books & More will be there

with a table with a few of our volunteers. We would like to invite more people to visit Brownsville and ours is the only bookstore in Yuba and Sutter counties, so come on up and see what is here. There will be books written by local authors for sale as well as local information on that day.

On April 27th there will be a Day of Worship at Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville. A day of fellowship is planned with food, music and worship. The doors will open at 1:00 and close at 6:00. If you have any questions, please call Wayne at 530 675-9592.

Look Back in Time – In 1916 fifteen trucks from the Chrome Mine in Clipper Mills hauled chrome to Western Pacific in Oroville, hauling 100 tons per day (a busy place).

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.
~ Yvonne



Dairy Pricing Proposals seen as Both Win and Loss for State Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed changes to how milk should be priced may be a mixed bag for dairy farmers, with some reforms impacting California producers more negatively than those in other states. Restoration of a so-called "higher-of" formula should raise producer prices on fluid milk, analysts say. Those gains are offset by USDA's proposal to raise make allowances, or what dairy farmers pay manufacturers to process their milk into the various dairy products. Nearly 74% of California milk is used to make cheese, butter and powder.

Report: Cover Crops Offer Water-Retention Benefits to Protect Groundwater Supplies

As farmers statewide work to prepare for anticipated groundwater cutbacks with implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, they are trying to stretch every drop of water to stay in business. Employing cover crops—any non-income generating crop planted to cover the soil and enrich soil diversity—holds great potential for water conservation such as improved water-holding capacity and infiltration, according to a report analyzing cover cropping as a potential tool for helping safeguard California's depleted aquifers.

Latest Survey Says California Almond Crop Could Grow by 13%

California growers are expected to harvest 2.8 billion meat pounds of almonds this year, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2024 California Almond Objective Measurement report said the crop estimate is 13% higher than last year's crop of 2.47 meat pounds and down 7% from the agency's subjective forecast in May. Clarice Turner, CEO of the Almond Board of California, said the report "reflects both a good bloom and hard work by California almond growers during trying times."

New California Farm Bureau Podcast Airs 'Voice of Agriculture'

A new podcast produced by the California Farm Bureau is giving a voice to the state's farmers and ranchers. The "Voice of California Agriculture," hosted by longtime Farm Bureau field representative Gary Sack, was launched in March to keep listeners informed about the latest news affecting Golden State agriculture. Sack, who works with farmers and ranchers in 15 counties on a daily basis, brings to the news program more than a decade of radio experience, reclaiming a role he took on when he first joined the Farm Bureau 45 years ago. . ★



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Mortgage Rates Pushing Decade Highs

With mortgage rates pushing decade highs, and the price of everything from food to insurance of all types skyrocketing, its perplexing how both the business news anchors and the Wall Street cheerleaders continue to insist all is fine in the markets and the consumer that supports them.

The stock market does not necessarily reflect the health of the average Joe on Main Street. However right now, we seem to hear that the markets are healthy and that consumer spending will continue until morale declines.

Truth be told, my local shopping mall parking lot is STILL packed to the gills and I continually scratch my head in wonder.

Where is the slowdown this analyst predicted so many months ago?

I am tempted to think my half century of economic education has been all for naught. Then my good sense kicks in and I remember the old adage: "The stock market can stay illogical longer than you can stay liquid".

In plain English, it means the market and the consumer are not science experiments where we can prove or disprove 100% that something will or will not happen.

What we expect to happen probably will happen at some point, but when that "some point" arrives can be further off in time than we expect.

My Dad, when he asked a waitress where his meal was, was usually told "it's coming". He would subsequently reply "So is the end of the world but when"?

Great response I know, and it reminds me that with higher mortgage rates, and inflation raging, I am sure consumer spending will fall off a cliff, but much like my dad, the question becomes "but when"?

I will admit, it's a tad frustrating hearing good news after good news concerning the markets and how well the consumer is doing. But then I chastise the man in the mirror for feeling as such.

Shame on me for sure.

What is so bad about the consumer continuing to spend and the markets plowing ever higher Marc?

Then in a fit of head shaking, and not in a good way, I think "I should be glad

I am wrong."

Much like a survivalist that spends his day preparing for Armageddon only to see sunny day after sunny day, is he upset the world hasn't come to an end?

I mean, who wants that?

I suppose expecting something to happen, based on my extensive economic education and experience, the fact that it doesn't occur should make me happy. After all, I projected (and continue to do so) that the economy will turn south and the consumer will see his pocket book collapse under the weight of all this inflation.

After all, my ego should not be so wrongly engrained as to feel vindicated when the economy implodes just to prove I was right in my prognostication.

It is said we learn something every day. And as I read all the positive economic news last week and listened to all the optimism, I indeed learned something.

The lesson was that I should be a little more humble in the importance of my economic prognostications as it pertains to my introspection.

That means if my prognostication centers around something bad happening, and it doesn't occur, I should be very grateful that I was wrong, instead of feeling something else.

I am sure I am not the only economic analyst that has come to this realization. It just goes to show how flawed as humans we sometimes are.

I still think that we will see a miserable downturn at some point. The economic machinations simply points to no other outcome.

But in my newfound awareness, I will be glad if I am wrong.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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Haunting Memories



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Those of us who grew up in the 1960's can likely recall where we where on November 22, 1963. I was in high school home economics class. Our instructor Mrs. Stafford came into the class. "The president has been shot," she said. We were to learn that a shooter named Lee Harvey Oswald had assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

Immediately, school was dismissed. We all went home to gather around our televisions watching for news.

Last week former President Trump was the target of political violence when he was the

target of an attempted assassination.

In 1960 the event was one of disbelief. In todays world violence in general and political violence is the norm. No one is shocked when these things happen. There is sadness and dismay but there really isn't shock.

We live in a free society. In that society each and every one of us has the freedom to run for public office. Sadly the radicals enjoy those same freedoms. They are free to walk among us, climb upon a roof and and fire into a crowd.

By the grace of God former President Trump was spared. Firefighter Corey Comperatore was killed shielding his own family. Two others were seriously wounded. The 20-year-old shooter was killed.

Now in the midst of a political season the candidates are calling for unity. We would be better served if that actually happens. I would feel more secure if our leaders acted with

dignity, unity and respect.

This past week also brought tragedy to our family. My beloved cousin Deane Nichols died in a house fire. His fiancé Bambi Mansfield was critically burned. She is being treated at the burn unit in Colorado. Please pray for her as she fights this horrific battle of recovery. Also please pray for their kids Coedy, Bennette and Dakota. They are facing challenges they never dreamed they'd face.

Again we have to step back and see that we still have other blessings in our lives. We are reminded that in those blessings; life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★



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Former Gridley Teacher Sentenced to Prison for Sex with Student

Butte County District Attorney News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A former Gridley school teacher was sentenced to four years in state prison on July 18 for having sex with a 14-year-old boy who was her student in June 2021.

Michelle Christine Solis, 46, was sentenced to the maximum term by Butte County Superior

Court Judge Michael Deems, following her plea to one count of sex with a minor.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charge stems from conduct during the boy's eighth-grade year at Sycamore Junior High School in Gridley. Solis was the boy's teacher. She "friended" him on Instagram at the time and began messaging him in the weeks leading up to

his graduation. Evidence showed Solis sent the boy four explicit photos of herself before having sexual intercourse with him in her classroom on the day of the boy's eighth-grade graduation.

Rumors and copies of one of the photographs began to circulate in the Gridley community in October 2023. A Gridley Police investigation ensued and investigators contacted the

boy and reviewed the his phone's content. There, they found communication between Solis and the boy, including two explicit photographs of Solis that matched the descriptions the boy previously provided.

In court July 18, Solis' attorney asked the judge to give his client probation, citing the incident as only "one act." The District Attorney's Office argued the upper term in

state prison was appropriate, due to the 29-year age difference between Solis and the boy, Solis' position as a trusted community member and a pattern of conduct amounting to "grooming." The District Attorney's Office pointed to Solis' special treatment of the boy in school, the numerous social media contacts between Solis and the boy, Solis' directions to delete their communications, and the explicit

photographs Solis sent to the boy before initiating sexual intercourse.

Ramsey said Solis was previously remanded to the Butte County Jail on June 27, after her attorney requested a continuance of the sentencing hearing. She will be transported to the state prison within a week. Solis will be required to register as a sex offender and was ordered to stay away from the victim for 10 years. ★

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Yuba City Police Department Media Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, July 20, at approximately 7:41 p.m., officers from the Yuba City Police Department responded to the parking lot of Chili's / In N Out at

1300 Anette Way regarding an alleged stabbing. Once officers arrived on scene, they located the victim, an Asian male adult in his 20s, with a stab wound to the right side of his chest. The victim was transported to Adventist Rideout, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The alleged suspect, a Hispanic male juvenile, was later located and arrested for murder. This incident was an isolated incident as the suspect and victim have no known association. Detectives from the Yuba City Police Department are currently

investigating the incident and the exact nature of what occurred. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to call the Yuba City Police Department at (530)822-4661. No further information on this case is currently being released. ★

Coroner's Case Identification

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, July 20, our office responded to the Adventist Health and Rideout Hospital for a coroner's case. This coroner's case was related to the stabbing that occurred at the In N Out parking lot

in Yuba City. The decedent was identified as 21-year-old Andrew Porras of Plumas Lake. The Yuba City Police Department is currently investigating this incident. YCPD is asking anyone with information related to this incident to call them at (530) 822-4661. ★

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APN: 013-431-001-000 TS No.: 22-04807CA TSG Order No.: 240091554 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded October 1, 2018 as Document No.: 2018-012235 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Stephanie Chitwood, an unmarried woman, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest con-

veyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: August 5, 2024 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 File No.:22-04807CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1629 2nd Ave, Olivehurst (Unincorporated Are, CA 95961. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$194,406.05 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening

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Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 22-04807CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the

trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-04807CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting

an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. File No.:22-04807CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. Dated: June 25, 2024 By: Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0462174 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
KRISTINA VANZANDT AND KYLE VANZANDT,
PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00863
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
08/19/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Kristina VanZandt and Kyle VanZandt, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Hannah Louise Buzard
to: Hannah Louise VanZandt
from: Hayley Rae Buzard
to: Hayley Rae VanZandt
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 07/8/2024
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
JULY 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
EXTRA SELF STORAGE LINDA
will sell the contents of the following units
to satisfy the lien:
Name:Densel Loy Jones Jr
Name:Shanice A Johnson
Name:Natalie A Jones
Name:Lauren Cooper
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON:
August 7, 2024
ENDING AT 10:00 AM
SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE AT:
www.StorageTreasures.com
Purchases must be paid at the time with Cash only.
Sale subject to cancellation.
Company reserves the right to refuse any online bids.
(TD) 7-26-2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
MICHAEL ANTHONY MIDKIFF, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00862
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
08/12/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Michael Anthony Midkiff, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Michael Anthony Midkiff
to: Michael Anthony White

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 07/03/2024
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
JULY 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-179

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Feather River Designs
1748 Stinson Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Heidi Lynn Pittner
1748 Stinson Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/11/2024.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Heidi L. Pittner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 11, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-176

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Auto Doctor Auto Repair Marysville
114 3rd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Archsun Enterprises, Inc.
114 3rd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Patrick Rippee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 10, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-162

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Emmylou's
16920 Willow Glen Rd
Brownsville, CA 95919
MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 176
Challenge, CA 95925
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Yuba Outpost LLC
PO Box 176
Challenge, CA 95925
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Elyse Bernstein California President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 21, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-178

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1776 Construction
5651 Wolf Trail
Loma Rica, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS
5651 Wolf Trail
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Daniel Jacob Ferchaud
5651 Wolf Trail
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/21/2024.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Daniel Ferchaud
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 11, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-162

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
76 Plumas Lake
831 Chalice Creek Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
MAILING ADDRESS
3108 E Pintail Way
Elk Grove, CA 95757
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Feather Ridge Drive LLC
3108 E Pintail Way
Elk Grove, CA 95757
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Shveta Dalla
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 14, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-171

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sven and Saffron
1030 F Street #2
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Carol Ann Mercker
1030 F Street #2
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/01/2024.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Carol Ann Mercker
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 1, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024.

Community Events
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024
TRIPLETT PARK, 529 RIDEOUT WAY • AUG. 6 • 6-8 pm
Fun, BBQ, Music, Face Painting, Kids Activities
For more info about National Night Out or joining a neighborhood watch group contact Misty 530-749-3921 or email: coteam@marysvillepd.org
Thursdays On 3rd Community Market
Every Thursday 3 pm to 7:30 pm
FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN
Break for July due to excessive heat ... back in August
Fun
Sponsored by Laurie memories Bakery. Interested in being a vendor? Email: Thursdayson3rd@gmail.com
OLIVEHURST VFW POST 4095 BINGO
6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057
Next Step Community Breakfast, 2nd
Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4, 3 & under Free.
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SATURDAYS • 10 am-2 pm
9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins
Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

Tax Measure on Ballot

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - There is officially \$17.5 million on the line.

You could feel it at the July 16 town council meeting that held a public hearing on a proposed tax measure.

After creating an Ad Hoc committee, holding numerous public presentations, and posting pages of information online, officials adopted a resolution placing a general tax measure on the Nov. 5 general municipal election ballot to enact a one-cent general transaction and use tax (sales tax).

Yuba City officials used June to detail exactly where the revenue will go. They poured over the ballot language to assure transparency for the measure.

On July 16, City Manager Diana Langley compared Yuba’s sales tax rate to that of Yuba County, Marysville, and Chico, 8.25%, and Colusa’s 8.75%.

“Yuba City’s current sales tax rate is 7.25%, which is the state minimum,” Langely said. “Yuba City receives 1%, which goes toward the general fund, and it equates to approximately \$18 million annually.”

However, that number upset Liz Cervantes. Before the resident spoke, she held up a sign titled “Sutter County Circus: Three Stooges” with images of the current elected officials in black and white.

“You know why people love shopping in Yuba City, because we have a 7.25% tax rate, right?” Cervantes said. “Why can’t we be different; this is what I try to tell these bozos, they don’t listen, and I don’t think you are listening either.”

Though officials noted exactly where funds would go, Cervantes countered their claims.

“Forget about saving up for that college tuition or treating yourself to something nice because your contribution to the sales tax increase means you are already living the dream of supporting government projects that they can’t even pinpoint,” Cervantes said, adding that the council should delay the measure until 2025.

Councilmember Dave Shaw pointed out that time is irrelevant, noting that “whether we are sitting up here on the dais or we are out there,” making the decision is hard.

“There is never going to be a perfect time,” Shaw said of the fall ballot measure.

Like all other presentations, the city manager broke down Yuba’s tax measure efforts that began in December 2022 with an ad hoc committee that included Mayor Shon Harris and Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden.

“The purpose of that ad hoc was to evaluate city priorities and also the potential for a revenue measure,” Langley said, adding that the citizens advisory helped detail the need for \$150 million in road improvements and enhanced fire and police operations.

Marysville resident Ed Dimmick told the mayor and council a former citizens advisory group he was a part of argued against a ballot measure.

“We were outspent \$650 thousand to one thousand, and we won easily with our simple ballot argument,” Dimmick said, adding his situation worked out in the end. “I like the way you are



Mayor Shon Harris told the public that he and the city staff do their best with taxpayer funds, being as transparent as possible with audits and other procedures.

going with a citizens advisory committee, assuming that it deals properly with all the various aspects of the city.”

Though he liked the committee idea, Dimmick does not like the timing.

“A lot of people are having difficulty making ends meet, so I am not sure you can write the perfect argument and ballot measure and have it succeed in this environment,” Dimmick said.

Langely said if approved, the tax measure would help maintain critical staffing levels and response time to emergencies. The city manager said it would also fund replacing Fire Station No. 1 with two engines.

“Police operations would add dedicated homelessness response personnel, create a city-wide Clean Team, and also take over law enforcement services for Happy Park, Walton area located south of Franklin and west of Highway 99,” Langley said of the current shared services agreement.

Langely said other priorities include supporting county services that affect resident safety, such as the district attorney’s office, sheriff’s department, and

said he was speaking on behalf of the Sutter County Taxpayers Association. Before speaking, he thanked Langley for the “very informative” presentation she gave his group the night before.

“I requested two people, and I got half the city there,” Mertz said.

Calling the presentation “well-structured and well-articulated,” Mertz said he “received a lot of positive comments and a lot of negative,” adding that it is obvious there is a structural need for the proposed measure to maintain city services.

“The controversial cost-sharing agreement between Sutter County and Yuba City was also a plus and was well understood and well received,” Mertz said. “Thank you again for your efforts to bring the need before the voters.”

Councilmember Mike Pasquale turned his point personal when recalling how, nearly a decade ago, the response time to his home when he was in a life-threatening situation was three and a half minutes.

“That is starting to erode,” Pasquale said. “If it goes to 12, you are dead.”

Councilmember Dave



Councilmember Mike Pasquale said funds to increase emergency response time is a matter of saving lives, even using his personal experience to prove his point.

homeless response efforts.

“The ad hoc worked with county-designated ad hoc to work out tentative terms for a tax sharing agreement in which the city would receive 67% if the measure were approved and the county would receive 33%,” Langley said, adding Yuba City residents are Sutter County residents too.

To show no conflict of interest, Langley did not read the ballot question posted for the public to view. What she stated was that two council seats, the city clerk and the treasurer, are also on the ballot.

“If the ballot measure were to pass, it would go into effect in April 2025, with the city receiving the benefit of it in June of 2025,” Langley said.

Though a longtime citizen, Lawrence Mertz

Shaw said this is “where the rubber meets the road for all of us.”

Calling the citizens advisory “the watchdog,” Mayor Shon Harris said they will “go in independently and verify what we are doing.”

“Anyone can get a copy of our budget and enjoy,” Mayor Harris said, adding that negative conclusions about the city’s motives are unfair. “We will never do anything illegal or wrong on purpose; that is why we always welcome audits.”

At this point, all city officials can do is put the matter into the hands of the voters, according to the mayor.

“Hopefully, the answer is yes, but if it is no, it will be quite challenging, but we will get through that too,” Mayor Harris said. ★

Doctors Harassed and Censored During COVID Get OK to Sue Adversaries



Commentary by Lou Binninger

The government, medical and big pharma complex paid media companies to censor any dialogue that challenged the authorized Covid narrative. Physicians, outspoken against Covid protocols and those that used unauthorized treatments to help patients, were targeted with loss of employment, license removal and legal actions.

Millions died or were permanently damaged from the government Covid protocols and mandates. Thousands of owners lost their businesses through shutdowns. Many isolated fragile citizens ended their lives by suicide or relapsed and died from substance abuse. Tens of thousands of students dropped out or never returned to government schools.

Governor Newsom and California enforced the nation’s most egregious arbitrary unscientific rules, lockdowns and prohibitions. Schools were shuttered the longest. Newsom even tried to make Covid injections mandatory for children to return to school. The legislature passed a law that doctors could only diagnose and treat patients per government dictates. Otherwise, physicians could lose their licenses. The law was eventually ruled unconstitutional.

Now, physicians that were threatened and abused by tyrannical credentialing boards that carried-out the flawed Covid-19 protocols have been given the

go-ahead by the courts to sue for damages.

The case was brought by the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons Education Foundation (AAPS) against the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Board of Family Medicine and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in response to these organizations and agencies’ threats and actions against doctors because of what these doctors said about COVID.

Their medical opinions contradicted the government’s advocacy of experimental testing, treatments and shots that proved faulty, hazardous and deadly.

A report in The Federalist documented the ruling.

“The AAPS Educational Foundation brought the case because of a series of physicians who were being threatened with loss of their board certification because they had made comments that were either critical of the COVID vaccines or that advocated for early treatment with repurposed drugs,” explained AAPS chief Jane Orient.

The case also cited the egregious censorship schemes that were developed by Homeland Security’s Disinformation Governance Board which, Orient explained, “was devoted to seeking out and finding ‘disinformation,’ ‘malinformation,’ and, or pressuring people, including those on specialty boards and social media companies, to take action.”

One plaintiff, Dr. Peter McCullough, a former professor of medicine and medical school department head, was forced into independent practice over his views after those in “academic practice” refused to allow him free speech.

Dr. McCullough is an internist, cardiologist, and epidemiologist holding degrees from Baylor University, University

of Texas Southwestern Medical School, University of Michigan, and Southern Methodist University. In Dallas, Texas, McCullough treats common infectious diseases as well as the cardiovascular complications of both the viral infection and the injuries developing after the COVID-19 shot. He is the most published author of cardiovascular research in the world.

He questioned the experimental shots at state legislative hearings and in other venues. The ABIM later adopted a rule about “misinformation” and retroactively applied it to him, the report said. McCullough confirmed to The Federalist that he offered documentation and evidence regarding his opinions on COVID, but ABIM refused to accept it.

Lawyer Andrew Schlafly, representing AAPS, said, “Viewpoint-based censorship of freedom of speech is one of the most important issues today, and essential to the future of both our country and the ability of patients to obtain quality medical care. It is vital that we restore freedom of speech and end improper interference with it. Physicians must be able to speak candidly about issues of public concern without fear of retaliation.”

Meanwhile, Yuba and Sutter County Health Departments still advocate erroneous and controversial Covid medical information and treatment for local residents. There has been no public inquiry into the remarkable spike in local deaths following the departments’ endorsement and offering of the experimental Covid shots.

Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com. ★

First Human Case of West Nile Virus in Yuba County Confirmed

Yuba County Public Health News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yuba County Public Health has confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in Yuba County this year. This is the first known West Nile Virus human case in California for the 2024 season. West Nile virus is generally active June through October.

People infected with West Nile virus fall into three categories:

No symptoms/asymptomatic (8 in 10 people)

Mild to moderate fever illness with fatigue and body aches (1 in 5 people)

Severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than 1 in 150 people).

For those who develop a severe West Nile virus illness, symptoms may last several weeks, and some symptoms may be permanent.

There is an increased risk of West Nile virus throughout Sutter and Yuba counties. “We continue to see increased virus activity and detections in our surveillance system. The risk for human infection is high,” said Stephen Abshier, District Manager. “Residents need to remain vigilant in protecting themselves from being bitten by mosquitoes,” added Abshier. Residents should inspect their yards for anything holding water. Regular landscape irrigation or unseasonable rains can provide mosquitoes with good breeding habitat. Simply draining or dumping water will prevent new mosquito breeding.

“The best way to prevent West Nile virus infection is to avoid mosquito bites. We want to remind everyone to stay protected by wearing long pants and long sleeves, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquito activity is high, and by wearing an effective mosquito repellent,” said Bi-County Public Health Officer, Dr. Phuong Luu.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the “Three Ds”:

DEET – Use a proven insect repellent like DEET. Other recommended repellents include: picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, IR3535 or 2-undecanone. Always use repellent according to label instructions. DEET is safe for use on children when used as directed.

Dawn and Dusk – Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus bite in the early morning and evening. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

Drain – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, car tires, rain gutters, and pet bowls. For standing water that cannot be drained such as fountains, ponds, etc., consider adding “Mosquito Dunks” or mosquito fish, which feed on mosquito larvae.

In response to recent findings and increased virus activity, District staff will continue to trap mosquitoes for testing, continue our disease surveillance program, and treat areas of high West Nile virus activity with truck mounted foggers to reduce the adult mosquito population. Spray areas can be viewed at the district’s website at <https://sutter-yubamvcd.org/>. A surveillance map can be found there as well, which shows the location of West Nile virus positive dead birds, mosquito collections, and sentinel chickens.

For more information about West Nile virus, please visit: westnile.ca.gov. ★

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

TIGER by Bud Blake

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- July 26 / 7 am Dr. Fal Astrani, Marysville School District
- July 26 / 8 am New Event
- July 29 / 7 am Denise Landis w/Edible Memories Events in August
- July 29 / 8 am Back to School Bash with Kary Hauck
- July 30 / 7 am Adventist Health Annual Fundraiser
- July 30 / 8 am Mosquito Vector w/ Dr. Luu
- July 31 / 7 am TBD
- July 31 / Jon Messick, Brownsville Mountain Fair
- August 1 / 7 am TBD
- August 1 / 8 am Tamera Macy, Sutter County One Stop
- August 2 / 7 am Dr. Fal Astrani, Marysville School District
- August 2 / 8 am Chuck Smith, Sutter Co. PIO

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Republican National Convention Most Energized in Decades



Tim Riley
**A special article
by Tim Riley**

Once again, Messenger Publishing Group was on the scene of another national political convention, this time in heavily guarded Milwaukee in an atmosphere fraught with uncertainty as the result of the assassination attempt on the Republican party’s nominee.

Unlike the unfolding drama of the incumbent pulling the plug on his campaign, the nomination of Donald J. Trump was never in doubt, with the only surprise to come on the first day being the nomination of Ohio Senator JD Vance for the vice presidency.

Political conventions draw the party activists and volunteers, elected officials, and newcomers to the convention scene, while old guard party hacks seemed to be scarce. Most delegates and alternates across several states appeared to be first-time participants.

Forget the 2020 election season where the party conventions were listless, preordained virtual affairs about as exciting as watching paint dry or waiting for a load of clothes at a laundromat. This Republican convention was the most energized in decades, and the feeling was palpable inside the hall.

It may be easy to overlook the underlying tension of the 2016 convention which nominated Trump for the first time.

Remember that Texas Senator Ted Cruz, having run in the primaries, could not bring himself to endorse Trump in his convention speech back then.

On Tuesday night, Cruz took to the podium and the first thing he said was “God Bless Donald J. Trump,” and then thanked God Almighty for protecting Trump during the assassination attempt. This sentiment would be expressed by many speakers.

As the senator representing the largest state bordering Mexico, Cruz delivered a blistering attack on the Biden administration for allowing “a literal invasion” of 11.5 million people illegally crossing the border, which he noted is larger than the population of all but eight states.

Not surprisingly, the immigration crisis proved to be a pivotal issue. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin addressed a breakfast gathering of the California delegation, and in regards to the immigration issue he said that it was “too bad” Texas Governor Greg Abbott was not the governor of the Golden State.

Youngkin pointed out that “every state is a border state,” and aside from the invasion of illegals, the flow of fentanyl is unprecedented. As for people crossing the border, the most daunting problem is that these are people “we know nothing about.”

With “American sovereignty and the crisis at the border as the top concerns,” Youngkin observed that the “top solution is leadership,” because just passing a bill in Congress is “naïve” if the rule of law is not restored.

Echoing a theme that is more apparent at this convention as opposed to the old establishment way of business, Youngkin noted that “we have a giant tent, let’s fill it.” He pushed the idea of townhalls that connect with people outside the corridors of power.

Trump’s former Ambassador

to the United Nations Nikki Haley, a fierce opponent in the primaries, offered her “strong endorsement” of the former president, noting that “you don’t have to agree with Trump 100 percent of the time to vote for him.”

Long ago, an axiom of politics was that “half a loaf was better than no bread,” so Haley’s sensible approach is taking the view that what’s important is that “we agree more than we disagree.”

Perhaps being prescient, Haley observed that “a vote for Joe Biden is a vote for President Kamala Harris. After the debate, everyone knows it is true,” a point to which Haley added “for the sake of the nation we have to go with Donald Trump.”

With her background in foreign policy, Haley made astute observations that under Obama, Putin invaded Crimea, and under Biden, Putin invaded all of Ukraine. Most importantly, Putin “did nothing” under Trump. There was no invasion and no wars, because Putin “knew Donald Trump was tough.”

Ronald Reagan’s maxim was “Peace Through Strength.” Arguably, the corollary to that was Haley claiming “a strong president doesn’t start wars. A strong president prevents wars.”

Rounding out the field of serious contenders from the primaries, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis offered a few witticisms, as he claimed we cannot “afford four more years of the Weekend at Bernie’s presidency.”

Following up on revelations of Biden’s workload, DeSantis pointed to national security concerns when observing that “our enemies do not confine their designs to between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.”

Aside from delivering a stirring upbeat speech in the convention hall, Vivek Ramaswamy spoke to the California delegation’s “Wheels to Victory”

luncheon at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Vivek offered two tasks for the party. One is to revive our national identity by turning to the ideals of our founding fathers. The second is to shut down the shadow government of the administrative state, by “dis-mantling the nanny state” to save the Republic.

“We may not have a country left if don’t get it right in November,” said Vivek, noting that “it’s not morning in America right now,” as once Ronald Reagan was able to proclaim. “The American Dream is hanging on by life support.”

The political speeches stirred the delegates to enthusiastic responses. But the best may have emanated from a variety of everyday Americans. A standing ovation came for Madeline Brame who lost her son to violent criminals as she attacked soft-on-crime prosecutors.

Who could not get teary-eyed when the Gold Star families expressed their feelings of being let down when the Biden-Harris administration could not even mention the names of their soldiers who died during the withdrawal from Afghanistan?

Another hero was 98-year-old World War II veteran William Pekrol who said, “America is still worth fighting for,” and that if Trump were commander-in-chief, also said “I would re-enlist today” if asked by President Trump.

During an acceptance speech unlike any other, Donald Trump most notably came across as more somber and subdued than usual in large part, of course, for having survived an assassin’s bullet only days earlier.

In a moment that’s never happened before, speaking about the attempt on his life, Trump recounted details about the shooting, saying “I will tell you exactly what happened, and you’ll never hear it from me a

second time because it’s actually too painful to tell.”

If there’s an iconic image that resonates with the crowd in the hall, it has to be the photo that captures Trump with a raised fist and the American flag fluttering above. The shout of “Fight! Fight! Fight!” punctuated speeches many times.

While the national convention operated smoothly and efficient in all facets, the media coordination for the California delegation was lacking, as we made a request to interview attendees from Solano County and even adjacent counties.

What we ended up with was a conversation with Jason Clark, the Bay Area Regional Vice Chair, based in San Francisco. Clark focused on party registration numbers that don’t favor Republicans in California.

According to Clark, the focus will be on trying to pick up two or three seats if this proves to be a good year, while acknowledging that there will be a challenge to hold seats won by slim margins by Congressmen Ken Calvert and John Duarte.

Picking Senator Vance was a smart move, as Clark observed his working-class background and pulling himself up from being dirt poor, and then joining the Marines, going to an elite law school and being editor of the Law Review were admirable achievements.

With only two years in the Senate, Vance is not unlike other politicians who ascended to high office. Keep in mind that Barack Obama, once an obscure state legislator, only served four years in the Senate, while Richard Nixon had two years in the Senate before his election as Vice President.

Next up is the Democratic National Convention on Aug. 19, and we’ll soon see whether Kamala Harris is coronated or the convention devolves into a contentious repeat of 1968. ★

Stories from The Great Zelito Flea Circus by Bill Crocker

A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life

Trauma in Short Pants

I do not wear shorts. I have never worn shorts. Oh, wait a minute, that’s not true. I do remember the last time I had a pair of shorts. It was July 1953, and I WAS FIFTEEN! They were a part of my Boy Scout uniform for cripes’ sake. I had no choice.

Karen and I spent ten days at a resort in Jamaica with her brother and his wife. About a week before the departure, Karen suggested I should think about getting my clothes together. I replied I was ready. After a few seconds of silence, she broached a very delicate subject.

“Don’t you think you need a pair of shorts?”

“Shorts? I don’t think so. Mike won’t be wearing them. He’s a cowboy.”

I have always had a thing about short pants. Since my calves are no bigger than they were when I was fifteen, what ends up being exposed should not be seen by the public.

“Well, I just think most of the men at the resort will be wearing shorts,” Karen persisted.

“Nope, I’m fine,” I responded.

A few days went by, and, as I watched TV, Karen was talking with her brother on the telephone.

“So, which suitcase are you taking? . . . Really? Do

you think its big enough? . . . No kidding, I didn’t know you wore shorts.”

At the word, shorts, my head snapped from the thirty-fourth showing of the “The Soup Nazi” *Seinfeld* episode to the telephone conversation.

“Bill, Mike says he wears shorts at all these resorts. Everybody does.”

“What? I’m not wearing shorts. I thought cowboys never wore shorts,” I yelled, loud enough for Mike to hear me.

I settled into a blue funk as I contemplated this new, disastrous turn of events. I pictured myself in shorts. It was not a pretty sight. It reminded me of a recurring dream in which I find myself heading to class during my college days somewhat embarrassed because I’M NAKED!

Karen finished her conversation, and we sat ignoring each other.

Finally, I said, “I’m not wearing shorts, period. I don’t look good in shorts, and I’m old. I shouldn’t even be seen in swimming trunks.”

“Well, maybe now you know how I feel every time we dress up to go out some place. I never think I look good in a dress. But I wear one, and you’re going to just have to suck it up and wear your shorts. All the men will be wearing shorts and you’ll look fine. After all, that’s what you tell me when I

complain.”

“This is not about you. This is about me,” I responded, voice rising. But I had to admit she had me there. I really hadn’t thought of it that way. *After all, who am I trying to impress?*

“Okay, Okay. I’ll get a pair of shorts.”

“I can look for a couple of pairs and bring them home for you to try,” Karen replied, seizing the moment.

“No, I’m gonna to do it.”

“But you never shop for clothes.”

“Yeah, but I need to control this situation. I’ll find my way around the store.”

“Okay. You should probably check out Sears, Penny, Target, Ross, and Marshalls.”

“Jeez already, just a couple of stores, please.”

“Okay, then try Sears, Ross, and Penny. They’re all in the mall, you know.”

“Yeah, I know where they are.”

My first try was at Sears. It was too early in the season and all that was left from last year were odd sizes, very odd. Cargos are not my style, and the striped and paisley varieties looked like badly designed pajamas.

Ross Dress for Less (no less) was next. I did find a pair of shorts with a cute little drawstring that laced up the fly and tied in a small bow at the waist.

I don’t think so, I thought.

My third and final store was Penny. Trudging along the aisles toward the men’s section, I approached a rack of short pants. My eyes settled on some shorts that were shorter than the usual Bermuda shorts. I found a couple of pairs and tried them on. The pant legs came to a couple of inches above my knee. *I can live with this*, I thought. *As long as a bit of my thigh shows, I’m good.*

I returned home with my stuff and modeled one of the items for Karen. Much to my surprise, she didn’t appear to be very happy with my choice.

“What’s the matter?”

“Well, the shorts look alright on you, but they’re really not what you want.”

“You’re right there. I want long pants. But what’s wrong with these?”

“‘Resort casual,’ is the informal dress code for all Sandals resorts and that means dress shorts.”

“What? Dress shorts? What the hell are those?”

“Dress shorts are shorts that reach the knees, are made of a good quality material, and have pleated fronts. Yours are not the proper length, are made of some cheesy canvas material, and have flat fronts.”

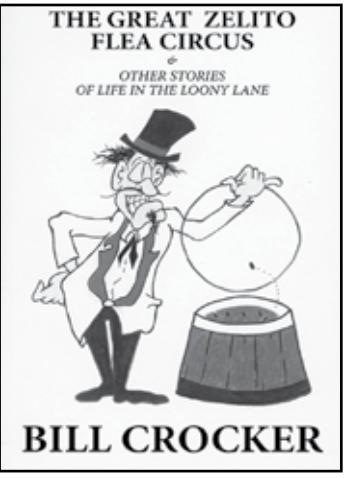
“Crap, this is stupid. I don’t care anymore. Just get me the shorts you think I should wear, and I’ll wear them. But I am



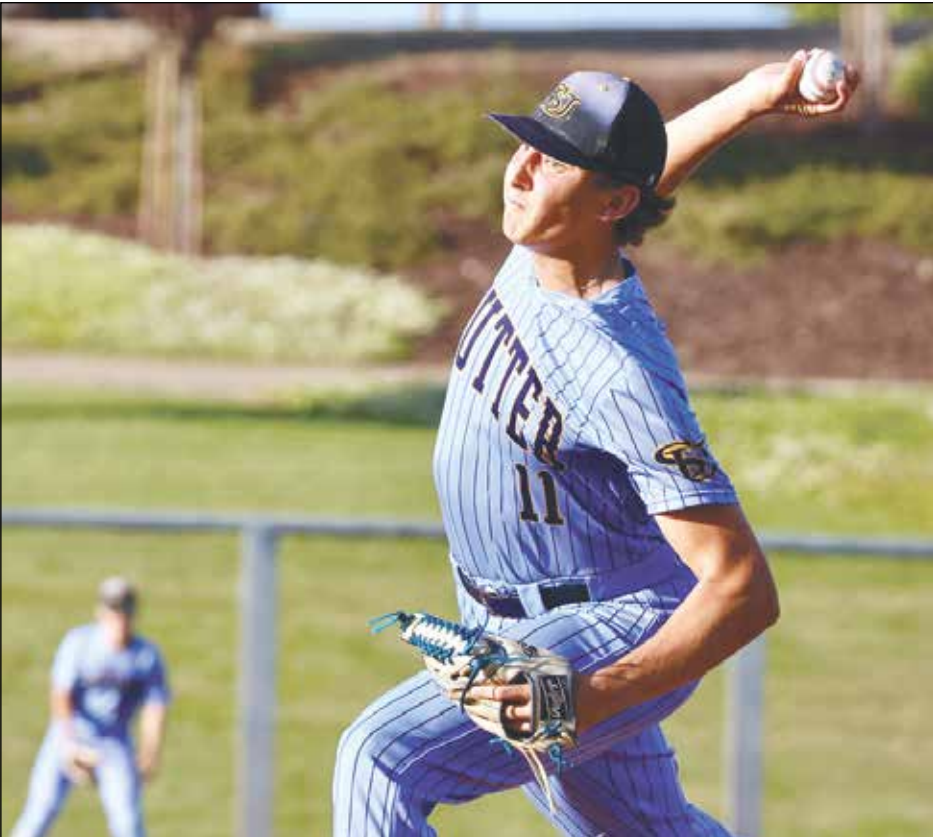
NOT HAPPY?”

Karen was very understanding and really tried her best to get me over my shorts trauma. She brought home a couple of pairs: 100% cotton. They were made in Madagascar, probably by trained lemurs. I vowed if I saw anybody in long pants, the shorts were history. She agreed but drew the line at keeping the tags on the pants.

The trip was fun, the weather wonderful, and the entertainment exciting. Karen was correct, of course. All the men wore shorts. So, I sucked it up and wore mine. However, I am confident that by the time I have to wear shorts again, I will probably be in a wheelchair sipping Ensure through a straw, wearing a bib, and won’t give a flip. ★



Beck Pitches North of the Border



Sutter 2024 pitcher Jagger Beck tosses a pitch during the 2024 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division V final on May 22.

Story and photo by Steven Bryla

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA (MPG) - As many collegiate athletes prepared this summer for fine tuning and working on their game before they return or enter classes within the next month and a half by playing for club teams within the area, some were given the opportunity to play in another country.

Sutter 2024 pitcher Jagger Beck had the unique opportunity to play baseball north of the border for the Victoria HarbourCats as a member of the West Coast League.

The WCL is a 16-team league composed of teams from Oregon and Canada with players ranging from incoming-college freshmen through seniors.

Beck signed to play at

the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for baseball back in November 2023.

Beck had three outings for Victoria so far as his first appearance was a relief start on June 30.

His two next appearances were July 2 and 12, where he started and they were planned as three- and four-inning outings Beck said to the Dispatch.

Beck gave up three hits and one earned run in both of the starts, but didn't walk anyone throughout his eight innings of work through the summer so far.

Beck expressed that with almost 30 pitchers on the roster, everyone was going to get their time on the mound, and it was great being around a group of guys all focused on the same goal of getting better every day.

Beck told the Dispatch

that it has been a great experience so far: to play with higher level competition he will be facing in the months ahead.

There have been multiple adjustments and new opportunities that Beck has seen throughout the summer on the ball field, especially with the size of the crowd in the stands.

Beck said the size of the home crowd in Victoria is similar to what he will be seeing in Hawaii. On top of the crowd differential, he added that meeting a new batch of teammates was good because everyone was welcoming and they were all able to have the same objective and goal in mind about the next level.

The HarbourCats were atop the North Division standings as of Sunday, July 21. ★

Drakes Slump into Final Week of Season



Marysville infielder Jumpei Ohashi connects with a ball during the Drakes' 4-1 loss to San Rafael on Wednesday, July 17.



Marysville pitcher Garrett Mos throws a pitch during the Drakes' 10-2 defeat to Dublin on Friday, July 19.



Marysville infielder Anders Green fields and throws a runner out at first base in the Drakes' 10-2 loss on Friday, July 19.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Drakes continued to drop in the Pacific Division standings, and playoff position slipped again after they went 1-5 last week from Sunday, July 14, through Saturday, July 20.

A few weeks ago, Marysville was one of the hottest teams in the Pacific Division and in second place, as they went 8-2 from the last week of June through the first weekend of July, but since July 9, the Drakes have dropped eight of their last 11 games.

Marysville manager Bill Rogan expressed to Messenger Publishing Group that they have not been playing good baseball the last couple of weeks, and was

visibly frustrated with the 10-2 loss on Friday, July 19, against Dublin.

"I am waiting for that game to bust out of our slump where we blow up the scoreboard," Rogan said.

There were opposing big innings and low offensive production from the Drakes last week as they had double-digit hits in one of their six games. They were making contact on a consistent basis, but they couldn't get anything to drop on the field for a hit.

Dublin extended their win streak to six against Marysville on July 19, and were in the fourth and final playoff position as play concluded on Saturday, July 20: just a couple games behind the Drakes for the third spot.

While Marysville headed into the final week of the regular season needing one victory to clinch the first playoff berth in club history, positive momentum is important and will be a big key for a successful playoff run.

The positive of needing to win one of the six final games is to get just one, but seedings become a factor between playing the defending champions (San Rafael) or a team where they have had success in beating this year (Bakersfield).

Although there was a glimmer of hope for the Drakes' to be the second seed in the Pacific Division playoffs, they would have had to have gone 6-0 and have Bakersfield lose all of their remaining seven games.

Although the odds weren't in

Marysville's favor, the Drakes did finish the season with a six-game win streak last year to make a push for the playoffs just to come up a game short of a playoff birth.

MPG observed Rogan's frustration at the plate as Marysville encountered multiple strikeouts from the hitter's box as they averaged eight per game last week.

"We're not facing guys like Nolan Ryan or Randy Johnson out here," Rogan said. "We're facing Pecos League pitchers and need to get the ball in play earlier in the count."

Rogan added that the Drakes can get on a hot streak and roll through teams like they did a few weeks ago, but they need to bring their best effort on a daily basis to the field.

Last week, Marysville was outscored 53-18, but they still had the fifth best earned run average (ERA) in the entire Pecos League heading into play on Monday, July 22, with a 5.71 ERA.

If the Drakes were going to hold onto the third seed for the Pacific Division playoffs, the defense needed to be cleaner in the final week of the season.

Rogan has used multiple line-ups on the infield during the year and has always told his guys no spots are permanent, so it wouldn't be shocking if he shifted everything around the final week of the season.

Marysville will host their final two home games tonight, July 26, and tomorrow, July 27, with first pitch at 6:30 p.m. at Bryant Field. ★

Shotgun Team Makes a Statement in Las Vegas

By Coach Dave Samson

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Shotgun Team has done so very well this year, and the JV Team achieved a second trifecta at the YSSF (Youth Shooting Sports Federation) US Open in Las Vegas of being the first place team in all three venues of trap, skeet and sporting clays. Sutter was the first team to achieve this in 2019 and now we have done it again. This year's JV competitors have been simply on fire for the whole year and for all three seasons of trap, skeet and sporting clays.

As a coach it is truly amazing to watch. The kids have worked so hard. They worked together as a team helping each other and supporting each other.

Our team as a whole took third place HOA (High Overall Award). Amazing.

Individual wins:

Seventh grader Landon McCracken from our Sutter junior team shot a 196 in trap and



Pictured are, from left, coach Gordon Cooley, coach Dave Samson and coach Jerry Munger, Sydney Munger, James Cooley Trevor Munger, Dixie Bybee, Kaden Coleman, Landon McCracken, Logan Munger, Cameron Rasmussen, Garrett Bartels, Mathew Siller, Tyler Fletcher, Taylor Bogle and coach Rich Bartels and Will Patterson. Photo courtesy of Dave Samson

took the belt buckle for first place individual in the IE Division. In skeet Landon took second place individual and second place individual in sporting clays

JV shooter Mathew Siller took fourth place individual in skeet, and third place individual in sporting clays.

JV shooter Garrett Bartels took fifth place in sporting clays.

JV shooter Tyler Fletcher took fifth place individual in skeet, and fourth place in sporting clays.

Sutter's JV Skeet Squad consisting of Mathew Siller, Garrett Bartels and Tyler Fletcher took first place as national champions.

In trap the Sutter JV Squad consisting of Mathew Siller, Garrett Bartels, Cameron Rasmussen, Tyler Fletcher and Sydney Munger took third place squad.

The varsity team consisted of: James Cooley, Taylor Bogle, Logan Munger, and Kaden

Coleman.

The JV Team consisted of Mathew Siller, Garrett Bartels, Cameron Rasmussen, Tyler Fletcher, Sydney Munger, Dixie Bybee, and Will Patterson.

And Sutter junior team members Landon McCracken and Trevor Munger. ★